

Sandwich Ill. March 14<sup>th</sup> 1879

William Lloyd Garrison,  
Honored Sir

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Excuse a  
stranger's intrusion, but my story  
is soon told. I have in my  
scrap book a piece of poetry,  
clipped from an anti-slavery  
paper, in the autumn of 1839, of  
which I have the impression you  
was editor at the time. The  
poem is entitled "Visions of the  
first of August", & has as an  
introduction & refrain

"High on the summit of the vast  
Blue Ridge

Among the loftiest of the peaks  
of Otter<sup>ie</sup> &c. —



It impressed me deeply  
at first, so I saved it. But as  
events have rolled on, & one scene  
after another has opened in our  
national drama, the poem has  
been read & re-read till I have  
come to feel that it breathes an  
inspiration deeper than common  
poets feel.

My admiration of it has made  
me long to know its author, & now,  
after multiplied resolves to do so, I  
have taken my pen to ask the  
information of you, if you can give  
it.

It ~~has~~ appeared without signature  
or credit, & so where have I met  
any quotation or allusion to it, only  
as I have copied from it for publi-  
cations with which I have been  
connected. If amid your varied



cases, you can give me the  
desired information, it will  
gratify

Yours, with great respect  
Mrs Mary G Clarke

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